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Notes from The Director's Office

For the most part, we all remember to be quiet while in areas of the Hospital where sounds may reach sick patients. The sound-absorbent ceilings, the resilient floors and the rubber heels worn by so many all help to minimize noise.

Unfortunately, though, some of us momentarily forget; forget to remember the importance of the word "quiet" as it relates to our daily work in the Hospital. Perhaps we have forgotten also how we felt when we were sick: the everyday sounds that were normally pleasant became irritating and annoying; all sounds had a strange way of becoming distorted and magnified through our illness. One thought possessed us: "Oh, why can't people be more quiet?"

Can we forestall the asking of a similar question by our patients?

Henry Z. Pastore, M.D.

DR. PASTORE DIES

Dr. John B. Pastore, executive director and secretary of the Hospital Council of Greater New York and long associated with our Center, died Aug. 18 of a heart ailment at his home in Pelham Manor. His age was forty-six.

In his post as head of the Hospital Council, he had been the moving figure in a broad program of hospital regional planning to prevent duplication and overlapping of facilities. Recently, he had been active on the Health Resources Advisory Committee of the National Security Resources Board.

A graduate of Johns Hopkins Medical School, Dr. Pastore came to the Center when it opened in September, 1932, following a year's internship in Baltimore. He was a resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology, then a full-time member of the Department of Obstetrics, and from 1940-46, he was assistant superintendent and later assistant director of the Hospital.

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Numberitis: Its Cause And Cure

Editor's Note: This article was submitted to us by the Social Security Administration.

Since the beginning of 1951, when 94 per cent of the Hospital staff elected to come under Social Security, a new disease has broken out — "Numberitis." Its symptoms: failure to obtain a Social Security number and/or failure to report the correct number.

The efficient administration of the Social Security program depends upon the assignment of a Social Security number to every wage-earner, and the correct reporting of the name, number and wages paid to that individual. The Hospital makes such a report every three months to the Social Security Administration. Unless the Personnel office has a correct record of your number, your wages may not be credited to your Old-Age and Survivors Insurance account. The fact that all retirement and survivors benefits depend entirely on your wage record, should point out how important it is to make sure that they are being correctly reported.

We suggest that you follow these rules:—

1. Show your Social Security card to Personnel without fail if you have not done so.
2. If you haven't had a number assigned to you, and your wages must be reported, ask Personnel for Application Form SS-5. An original number, or a duplicate of your lost number, will be sent to you through the Social Security Administration.
3. If you change your name through marriage, ask for Form OAR-7003, "Change of Record." Your number will remain the same throughout your life's employment.

New Pulse Beats

With this issue, we welcome two new reporters to the PULSE staff. They are: Edna Yuk Lin Ho, School of Nursing, and Elaine Gunther, X-ray.

Edna, a senior in Nursing School, succeeds Joan Riker, '51, now a member of our nursing staff. Elaine, a student in our School of Radiography, succeeds Joan Reilly, who was graduated last month.

THE COVER

"Some punkins" . . . these pies produced in our Hospital kitchen. Mr. Pumpkin, himself, is weeping as he awaits his fate at the hands of Pantry Chef George Merryman. Pumpkin pie, a favorite at this time of year, is just one of some 57 varieties of pies that our bakers make. Our ovens turn out 660 pies a week, or 34,300 per year.

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NEW-YORK, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1951.

PRICE ONE CENT.

ACCIDENT TO AN OMNIBUS-DRIVER.—Yesterday morning the driver of a Broadway omnibus, named John Ashbury, was severely injured by falling from the top of his vehicle and striking his head upon a curbstone, causing a dangerous fracture of the skull and other serious injuries to his limbs. He was conveyed to the N Y Hospital, by a citizen, and placed under the care of a skillful surgeon.

RAN OVER BY AN ICE CART.—Yesterday afternoon, about 3 o'clock, a young man by the name of George Fuller was thrown from an ice cart, in Spring-st., the wheels of which passed over his body and severely injured him. Capt. Turnbull, of the 6th patrol district, had the injured man conveyed to the N Y Hospital, where he received medical aid.

When *THE NEW YORK TIMES* marked its 100th anniversary on Sept. 18, it republished page one of its first edition — and weren't we surprised to find two items mentioning The New York Hospital. Here they are. (Hope you can read them without a magnifying glass!) Like *THE TIMES*, NYH has grown some, too, since Sept. 18, 1851. In contrast to these two emergency cases described here, for example, our Emergency Pavilion on this Sept. 18 treated 45 cases.

15 X-Ray Technicians Receive Diplomas

Fifteen students of the School of Radiography were graduated on September 28 after completing the two-year course at the Hospital. The afternoon ceremonies were held in the Doctor's Lounge, F-18.

The commencement speaker was Dr. George A. Wolf, Jr., assistant director for Professional Services, who was introduced by Dr. John Evans, associate attending radiologist. Diplomas were presented by Dr. Sidney Weintraub, acting radiologist-in-chief of the Hospital. The ceremonies were followed by a reception.

Six of the graduates have joined the NYH radiology department. They are: Anne Wilner, Dahlov Jack, Patricia A. O'Kane, Mrs. Marion Schlosser Higgins, Simon Growick and Sidney E. Miller.

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Mrs. Ivison To Retire From P. R. Post; Mrs. Muldoon Named

After 10 years of devoted and able service to the Hospital, Mrs. Maynard C. Ivison has submitted her resignation as Director of Public Relations, for personal reasons, effective at the end of the year.

Mrs. Virginia F. Muldoon, who has been her assistant for the past year, has been appointed by the Board of Governors to succeed Mrs. Ivison. At the same time, the Board approved the appointment of Mrs. Ivison as Consultant in Public Relations effective upon her relinquishing her active duties.

The membership committee of the Board of Governors adopted the following minute on Mrs. Ivison's retirement in a meeting held Oct. 15:

"Resolved that a grateful vote of thanks of the Membership Committee to

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Service Award Dinner Will Honor 57 In "Class Of '51"

Deane W. Malott, new president of Cornell University, and John Hay Whitney, president of The Society of the New York Hospital, head the list of speakers who will participate in the fifth annual Service Anniversary Award Dinner to be held Tuesday, December 4.

The dinner, which is under the auspices of the Joint Administrative Board, will honor 37 who have served the Center for 15 years and 20 who have been with us for 25 years. In addition to these honored guests, those who have already passed the 25-year mark and 16 others who are celebrating their 20th year with the Center will also be guests at the dinner which is scheduled for 6:15 P.M. in the dining room of the Nurses' Residence.

Dr. Milton Helpern, deputy chief medical examiner of New York City, will respond for the group being honored. A 25-year man, Dr. Helpern is physician to out-patients and assistant professor of clinical medicine and a lecturer in pathology at the Center. The program will also feature community singing led by a quartet under the direction of Dr. A. E. Timpanelli, a 15-year man.

In the last issue of the PULSE, the names of those in the Class of '51 were published. Here are some additions to the 15-year group being honored: Francis A. Beneventi, M.D.; Katherine Butler; Oskar Diethelm, M. D.; Clara L. Gross, M.D.; Jane Haber; Frank LaBasso; Willis A. Murphy, M.D.; Israel S. Miller, D.D.S.; A. E. Timpanelli, M.D.; Morton L. Wadsworth, M.D.

Two Centerites Die

The PULSE notes with sadness the passing of two loyal Center staff members.

Henry Kiessling, a technician in the Department of Pharmacology, Medical College, for nearly 30 years, died Aug. 16.

Mrs. Katherine Zimmerman, nursing aide on K-7, Orthopedic Clinic, died suddenly at the Hospital on Sept. 27. She had been on the staff since November, 1946.

Medical Information, Please

"Medical Information. Mrs. Beemer speaking."

"This is Dr. _____. One of my patients has just had a heart attack and requires immediate hospitalization. There's not a single bed available here but I know that we can get him into Bellevue. However, I must have a letter to accompany him. Can you help me out?"

"Come right down and dictate it, Doctor _____."

In less than ten minutes, the letter had been dictated, transcribed and signed by the proper person in Administration and the patient was being rushed by ambulance to the other hospital.

Emergency jobs like this are all in a day's work for the Medical Information Department, one of the Hospital's smallest but most vital departments.

What's more likely to be in a day's work for this seven-woman department, which occupies three small offices on the K-1 corridor, can hardly be classified as routine, either.

It may be furnishing information about a patient to an insurance company or to his employer so that the bill is set "rolling" on his weekly benefits check, or sending a hospital summary to his referring doctor, handling birth record requests, checking on patients' eligibility for Blue Cross benefits, or sending a non-technical report of an autopsy to the family of a deceased patient at their request. These are just a few of the types of medical information requested in a typical day.

A baby among Hospital departments (it will only be three years old in January), it's work has "jest grown" — like Topsy. In the first six months of 1951, for instance, the department handled a total of 22,758 requests for information, an increase of nearly 6,000 over the first six months of 1950. From January 1 to June 30 of this year, the department sent out 7,117 letters, almost 1,000 more than in the same period of last year. A similar increase occurred in the furnishing of hospital summaries.

Establishment of the department has been part of an over-all plan to enlarge the scope of the Hospital's service

to the community . . . to develop more harmonious relationships with doctors and other hospitals in the Greater New York area and outlying areas so that we can be of more service to them and their patients . . . to build rapport with business firms, insurance companies, welfare agencies.

Before Medical Information was set up as a separate department, its work was "farmed out" to various other departments. One of its most important functions has been to take the burden away from our busy doctors who previously had to take time to fill out requested forms. Now members of the department, all experts in analyzing and correlating charts and records, transmit the necessary information to the agencies requesting it. A letter or an official Hospital report form is used, either being signed by one of our medical officers.

One of the latest innovations in a department that is constantly on the alert for time-savers is a file of discharge slips. These slips are filed alphabetically by the patient's name and carry the date on which his doctor estimates he will be able to return to work — information of prime importance to a querying insurance company or employer.

Mrs. Gail Beemer, who heads the department, is a 25-year veteran of such matters, having served successively as secretary to the director of the old Cornell Clinic and as secretary to the Director of the Out-Patient Department before taking over this assignment. Her staff of "experts" include Mrs. Alma Karle, who concentrates on Consultation Clinic correspondence; Jean Murray, who has been on the Hospital staff since 1945; Anna McCarthy who was head stenographer in the In-Patient Department of Payne Whitney for 16 years previously; Mrs. Mary Roddman, a nine-year NYH veteran; Catherine Conner, who came directly to the department in February, 1950, and Mrs. Jennie De Prima, the newest member of the "family." To keep things moving, a tremendous amount of night work must be done, and Mrs. Karle and Miss Connor frequently stay on in the evenings as does Hannah Trainer of Surgical Follow-Up.

Nursing School Admits Its Largest Class

With 87 girls in the freshman class, Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing has admitted the largest entering class in its 74-year history.

The new students have come from 15 states, including distant California and Montana; one is from China. Before enrolling in the three-year degree program in nursing, the girls had a minimum of two years of college in a total of 52 accredited schools throughout the country; eleven transferred from the Cornell campus in Ithaca. Eleven of the freshmen have received scholarships made possible by funds raised for the School of Nursing by its Committee for Scholarships, a lay organization of women in this area.

At graduation exercises for the Class of '51 held Sept. 24 in the Nurses' Residence, 36 young women received degrees of Bachelor of Science in Nursing and nursing diplomas. These were presented by Deane W. Malott, new president of Cornell, and Hamilton Hadley, vice-president of The Society of the New York Hospital, respectively.

Establishment of an endowment fund for the School of Nursing was announced by Dean Virginia M. Dunbar during the commencement exercises. Miss Dunbar said that two initial gifts of \$1,000 each to the fund had been received, one from a distinguished alumna of the school, Miss Anna Reuttinger, Class of 1904, and the other from a trustee of Cornell University.

Miss Dunbar also announced that 31 of the 36 graduates had accepted appointments on the NYH nursing staff.

Commencement speaker, Roy E. Larsen, president of Time, Inc., presented a \$1,500 check to Dean Dunbar on behalf of the New York Community Trust to be used "in providing furnishings or amenities for the Nurses' Residence to increase the comfort of its occupants." The money is from a gift to the Community Trust by the late Mrs. H. K. S. Williams.

DOCTORS DEFINED

A specialist is one who has his patients trained to become ill in his office hours. A general practitioner is likely to be called off the golf course at any time.

— ANON.

Dr. Pastore Dies

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In 1946, when he went to the Hospital Council, he retained his position as assistant attending gynecologist and obstetrician at NYH.

During his years at the Center, Dr. Pastore made many contributions to clinical research in his specialty. His major research effort was an attempt to determine the causes of hemorrhaging in childbirth and to develop methods of controlling it. The result of this research contributed to a series of fundamental changes in the routine care of pregnant patients at our Hospital and subsequently, in other hospitals. Dr. Pastore also figured prominently in the establishment of our blood bank.

In World War II, Dr. Pastore was director of wartime activities of the Hospital. During this period, when he became an administrator, his interests spread to the organization of medical care and to the role that hospitals could play in meeting the needs of the community for hospital and health services. He served as study director to the Committee on Future Plans of New York Hospital and Cornell University Medical College.

A letter of sympathy to the Hospital Council on its great loss was sent by our Board of Governor's following Dr. Pastore's death.

MRS. IVISON RETIRES

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Mrs. Ivison be and it hereby is adopted, upon her changing from a full-time to a Consultant basis, for the splendid services she has rendered to The Society of the New York Hospital over the past 10 years, not only in organizing and perfecting its method of handling public relations but also in greatly increasing the number and amount of contributions and public support received by it each year, toward all of which she has spared no energy or effort, and has shown the most exceptional skill and ability."

X-RAY TECHNICIANS

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Others who received their diplomas as technicians were: Anne-Lise Cuppo, Stanley J. Kane, Richard B. Kasmar, Douglas H. Kemme, Isamu Ota, Robert J. Pellechio, Joan A. Reilly, Nicholas F. Rotello and Bernard D. Zick.

OUR FIFTH AVENUE LOOK



Maurey Garber

Window shoppers on Fifth Avenue this month found that the department stores were also suggesting that they open their pocketbooks to contribute to the United Hospital Fund. A typical window display was ours at Saks Fifth Avenue, which featured surgical instruments dating from 1776 through the 1800's, a model dressed in the uniform our student nurses wore in the 1890's, and an early patient discharge book and ledger of accounts. The pictures in the background showed the various sites of the Hospital and some old interior scenes. We are one of 82 voluntary hospitals in New York for which the Fund is seeking \$3,500,000 to cover expenses incurred through free and part-pay care dispensed last year.

Dr. Hadley Assumes New Central Labs Job

Assuming a newly created position, Dr. Susan J. Hadley has become assistant director of the Central Laboratories.

Dr. Hadley is not a newcomer to this Center, having been graduated from Cornell Medical College in 1944 and having served on the House Staff in Medicine at the Cornell Division of Bellevue Hospital and as assistant resident in Medicine at The New York Hospital. For the past three years she has been on the staff of the Department of Microbiology at the New York University-Bellevue Medical Center.

Dr. Hadley's activities will be principally in the laboratories of Bacteriology and Parasitology.

In '52 It's Lincoln For President

Helen B. Lincoln, director of our Medical Records Department, has been named president-elect of the American Association of Medical Record Librarians. She will be installed as president in October, 1952.

A member of the Center staff since 1932, Miss Lincoln has served on various committees of the American Association of Medical Record Librarians throughout the years and was vice-president in 1943.

In honor of Miss Lincoln's election to this office, the Greater New York Association of Medical Record Librarians of which she is a former president, gave her a testimonial dinner Oct. 3 at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

HOSPITALS

Here and There: America needs more nurses, and national magazines, co-operating beautifully in the recruitment effort, are turning the spotlight on some of this Center's women in white. A photograph of four of our nurses will be featured in the December issue of *Mademoiselle Magazine* which is emphasizing nursing as a career for college women. The gals are *Virginia Brantl*, *Mrs. Jean Plum*, *Lucille Wright*, and *Juliette Bentley*. . . . And Out-Patient Nursing head, *Kathleen Newton*, was the subject of a recent article in *World Week*, one of the Scholastic Magazine publications, to interest high school students in nursing as a career. . . . Due back in a few days after a two-month absence from the Center is *Dr. Samuel Z. Levine*, head of Pediatrics, who has been touring Israel and Iran with a World Health Organization team sponsored by the Unitarian Service Commission. . . . *Dr. Aaron Kellner*, director of the Central Laboratories, delivered the Ludwig Kast Lecture before the Graduate Fortnight of the New York Academy of Medicine, October 8. His paper was entitled, "Lipid Metabolism and Atherosclerosis." . . . *Meredith Jones*, educational director of the Nutrition Department, was moderator of the community nutrition meeting of the American Dietetics Association recently held in Cleveland. Other members of the Nutrition staff who attended the convention were *Louise Stephenson*, department head, and *Catherine Kellerman* and *Jeanne Tillotson*, Woman's Clinic and Medical floor dietitians. . . . *R. Louis Malloy*, our Civil Defense Co-ordinator, enjoyed a late vacation in his native state, Minnesota. . . . If you hear warblings and trillings from the Accounting Department, it'll be *Nedy Gooze*, new member of the department who has musical comedy ambitions, having sung and acted in over 20 shows. . . . While in Paris during her recent European trip, PULSE editor, *Rheta Glueck*, side-walk-cafed with *Fran Hunter*, former secretary to Dr. C. Gardner Child, 3rd. Fran's now a resident of the Left Bank and works for the E.C.A. . . . *Mrs. Margaretta Treherne-Thomas*, director of

the Volunteer Department, was guest of honor of the Women's Auxiliary of the Montreal (Canada) General Hospital earlier this month, addressing its fall membership meeting. During her trip north, Mrs. Treherne-Thomas also was invited to stop off at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston to inspect its volunteer services. . . . A grant of \$43,000 has been given to the Medical College by the American Cancer Society to enable *Dr. George N. Papanicolaou* to extend his research into cancer diagnosis. . . . *Nursing World Magazine* for October carries an article by *Edward R. Browne, R.N.*, Supervisor of Orderlies, on lifting and turning patients. . . . *Jane Haber*, serologist, in charge of the Blood Bank, attended the annual meeting of the American Association of Blood Banks in Minneapolis, Oct. 22-24. . . . *Mrs. Ilse Wedel*, technician on M-6, has gone to Berlin to attend the Golden Wedding Anniversary of her parents. . . . The Nursery School has been transferred from Payne Whitney to N-3.

Snared: *Jo-Ann Quackenbush*, assistant director of Occupational Therapy, Payne Whitney, is engaged to Edward Convey, a senior at Fordham . . . *Dr. Suzanne Howe*, surgeon in Otolaryngology, has pledged her troth to Edward Grandin, 3rd, a trustee of Bard College . . . *Anita Cooper* of Public Relations, will become Mrs. Richard D. Myer "as soon as we can find an apartment." Her fiancé's with Lincoln-Mercury Division of Ford Motors . . . *Barbara C. Wolff*, a senior at Swarthmore, is the fiancée of *Dr. Werner K. Maas*, who is with the United States Public Health Service at the Medical College. . . . And Cupid almost ran out of arrows in the Nursing School during the vacation months. Here's why: *Dorothea Jackson* '53, became engaged to Claude Loos, a junior at Rensselaer Polytech; *Caryl J. Stein*, '52, to Charles G. Anderson, an ensign in the Naval Reserve; *Patricia Devine*, '53, to *Clifford Urban*, 3rd year Cornell Med man; *Nancy Courtright*, '52, to Lt. Donald F. Bolles of Fort Sill, Okla.; *Elaine Willis*, '53, to Evans Hazard; *Pat Sim-*

mons, '52, to Pvt. Donald Blodgett; *Marga Simon*, '53, to Robert Coles, a senior at Champlain College, and *Lydia Jane Schleicher*, '54, to Roger L. Larson, a senior at the University of Wisconsin.

Paired: *Dr. Mary Mercer* exchanged vows with Dr. Ray E. Trussell of Flemington, N. J. on Sept. 27 . . . *Elizabeth (Libby) Eschmann*, former secretary to Dr. Stanhope Bayne-Jones, is now Mrs. H. Lawrence Whittemore, Jr. Her husband is rector of Trinity Church, Swarthmore, Pa. . . . *Dr. Myron Buchman*, assistant resident in Lying-In, was married to Barbara Adler, a member of the Sunday staff of the New York Times, on Sept. 18 . . . *Dr. Daniel Hays*, resident in Surgery, took *Dr. Esther Fincher*, intern in Medicine, as his bride on Sept. 17 . . . *Belse Scully*, stenographer in X-ray, is now Mrs. H. Alfred Schmidt. Other recent brides in the department are technicians *Donna Dick*, now Mrs. Donald Halleck, and *Marion Schlosser*, now Mrs. Philip Higgins . . . *Barbara Olden*, registrar for admissions in the Nursing School, was married Sept. 29 to Raleigh L. Smith. Her husband is assistant in administration at the Hospital Center, Orange, N. J. . . . and *Gloria Goldsmith* of Vincent Astor is now Mrs. Seymour Gold. . . . A September bride, *Jessie Pisani* of the Medical College business office, is now Mrs. Damico. . . . *Mary Malfettone*, former secretary to Doris Bresnahan, in charge of Auxiliary Staff, has joined the ranks of the hausfrau as Mrs. Thomas Sullivan. . . . And two Nursing School seniors took "the step" recently, too: *Wanda Mohr* married *Bart Gaffney* on Sept. 8, just before he went overseas with the Army, and *Lois Gritzke* is now the wife of Lt. (j.g.) Lewis Petersen. Their new Mexican chihuahua dog, "Chico", is keeping the lieutenant company in Texas while Lois completes school.

Heired: *Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Wertz* of Payne Whitney (she, the former *Hannah Ziering*) are the proud parents of a son, *Frederick Joseph IV* born Sept. 9. . . . *Dr. Janet Ringham*, formerly of Payne Whitney, (Mrs. Sher-

fey in private life), is the mother of a baby girl. The baby is a niece of Dr. Mary Sherfey of Payne Whitney. . . . Heart Station's *Eva Namm Waxman*, a frequent contributor of poetry to the PULSE, became a mama Sept. 29. It's a girl, Diane Leslie, weighed in at 8 pounds 4 ounces. . . . *Dr. and Mrs. Stewart Wolf* have a new daughter, Angeline, born Sept. 29. . . . Judd Delaney made his appearance on Sept. 5 in Lying-In. Proud parents are *Dr. and Mrs. Forbes Delaney*. Papa is chief resident in Radiology. . . . *Dr. and Mrs. Charles Crown* have a daughter born Sept. 9. . . . It's a boy for *Dr. and Mrs. Richard Havel*, born Sept. 24. . . . *Mrs. Mary MacFerran*, of the Cashier's Office, is the grandmother of a baby girl, Jennifer Lindsley, born Oct. 3.

Hails: To *Caroline Morrison*, new addition to Private Patients Nutrition Department, replacing *Dorothy Ross* who has transferred to Metabolism Unit, F-2E. . . . *Florence Trutt*, new Supervisor of Auxiliary Staff, who comes to us from Winnipeg, Canada. . . . *Atlagracia Miranda*, new librarian in Payne Whitney, who comes directly from her native Puerto Rico where she was librarian at the University of Puerto Rico's School of Medicine. . . . To *Mrs. Claire Glasser*, new director of Occupational Therapy for the Main Hospital, who comes to us from the Department of Rehabilitation, Bellevue Hospital. She succeeds *Mrs. Blanche Scala*, who has joined her doctor-husband in Providence, R. I. . . . To *Mrs. Enola Richardson Wolfe*, new secretary to Dr. Bayne-Jones. She was formerly with the Medical Film Institute.

Farewells: To *Robert Morris*, administrative assistant in the executive offices of the Hospital, and an associate editor of the PULSE, who has gone to an executive training position with the All States Insurance Company. . . . To *Auden Bigelow*, employment manager in the Personnel Dept., who has become personnel manager of the DeJur-Anco Company, Long Island City. Miss Bigelow's desk is now being occupied by *Gloria Silvani* who has been promoted from preliminary interviewer. . . . To *Sarah Ferguson* and *Ruth Woodfall*, instructors and supervisors in Pediatric Nursing, who have both taken year leaves of absence to do public health nursing in Waterbury, Conn. Their ob-

ject: to be nearer home because of family responsibilities. Miss Ferguson and Miss Woodfall have done things together for a long time. They came to work at the Center together in 1932, soon after their graduation from the Children's Hospital School of Nursing, Boston. The entire staff of Pediatrics OPD held a surprise cocktail party for Miss Ferguson Sept. 25 in the Doctor's Lounge and presented her with a portable radio-victrola and some Ezio Pinza recordings. Miss Woodfall was tendered a dinner by the Pediatric Nursing Staff at Patricia Murphy's Candlelight Inn, Manhasset, and received a purse of money from the combined Pediatric Nursing and Medical Staffs.

Congrats: To *Dr. Elise Strang L'Esperance*, professor emeritus of clinical public health and preventive medicine, Medical College, who is one of three women physicians to receive the 1951 Lasker Awards of the American Public Health Association. Dr. L'Esperance's award honors her work in linking preventive medicine to cancer control. . . . *Percy W. Brooks*, our Photography chief, on his re-election as chairman of the New York Chapter of the Biological Photographic Association. This is an organization of workers in scientific fields striving for better standards in illustration and visual aids. . . . *Frank Motkya*, on his appointment as assistant chief technician of the X-Ray De-

partment. He was formerly in charge of L-7. . . . *Sherwood Messner* on his election as a Fellow of the American College of Hospital Administrators. . . . To the following staff nurses who have been promoted recently: *Kathryn McDowell*, *Mary Reynolds*, *Mrs. Elizabeth Slater*, *Grace E. Hammond*, *Irene Curley*, *Jane Bailey*, *Eileen Noone*, *Florence Terpak*, *Bertha Johnson*, and *Regina Concilio*, to assistant head nurse; *Carla Ansalone*, *Virginia Lovette*, *Elizabeth Cunningham*, *Marjorie Mott*, and *Susanne Spellman*, to head nurse.

NURSING SCHOOL NOTES

A hearty welcome to our new faculty members: *Elinor V. Fuerst* and *Cynthia Mallory*, Nursing Arts; *Berniece F. Cramer* and *Emma J. Higginson*, Obstetrics; *Dorothy M. Budd*, *Mrs. Ruth E. Kenney*, and *Mary J. Foster*, Surgery; *Yvonne P. Worrell*, Physical Education; *Lena J. Saffioti*, Operating Room; *Florence Doumar*, and *Anne Lio*, Medicine; *Florence A. Gollner*, OPD—Medicine and Surgery; *Justina C. Butall*, Pediatrics OPD and *Nancy W. Coulet*, Pediatrics. *Mrs. Constance M. Derrell*, formerly head nurse on M-8, has also joined the faculty in obstetrics. Most of these people also carry Hospital Nursing Service appointments.

Our two voting delegates to the newly organized New York State Student

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"Scalpel . . . Butter . . . Tomato . . . Lettuce"



Hertha Taussky

The Lady Likes Ladybugs

Stamps, china teacups, old buttons, photography — these are some of the more common hobbies to which people devote their leisure time. Recently, while snooping for interesting news about Centerites, THE PULSE uncovered a unique hobby. We're referring to the ladybug collection of Hertha Taussky, research fellow in the Department of Medicine. It's not the flying variety of these tiny red and black beetles that Miss Taussky is interested in. The lady is "bugs" about ladybugs in replica only.

If your only acquaintance with these little polka-dotted beetles has been to give them a friendly "brush-off" when they alight on you, you'll be amazed to learn that the ladybug appears as a motif on items ranging from statuettes to scarves.

The ladybug is a symbol of good luck internationally, explains Miss Taussky, who began her hobby during her student days at the University of Vienna. And her collection of items featuring the ladybug comes from Switzerland, Portugal, Germany, Belgium, England, Canada, Denmark, Ireland, Czechoslovakia and Austria as well as from the United States. Just to give you an idea of how the ladybug motif gets around, there are

pins, earrings, keychains, leather change purses, compacts, scarves, tiles, pillboxes, playing cards, a thimble, a mechanical toy, delicate china statuettes and greeting cards in her collection.

One of her latest acquisitions is a pair of nylon stockings with hand-painted ladybug clocks.

Then there is a piece of sheet music, "The Waltz of the Ladybugs," and a ladybug paper weight which she keeps on her desk in her laboratory-office, F-236.

During the ten years that Miss Taussky has been on the Center staff, her co-workers have become just as avid ladybug "hunters" as she is, and many of her acquisitions are the result of a "hot tip" from them, or frequently, birthday and Christmas gifts. One of her best detectives on the ladybug trail is the "boss'" wife, Mrs. Ephraim Shorr.

One of Miss Taussky's favorite items is a handmade Christmas card, showing a procession of the little beetles crawling up the side of the Center's buildings, each carrying a letter of the words "Merry Christmas" on its back.

As far as she knows, Miss Taussky believes that her collection, which she has exhibited at several hobby shows, is the only one of its kind in the world.

HOSPI-TALES

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Nurses' Association are Jean McCormack, '52, and Jean Lucker, '53. . . . The Nursing School has a new Alma Mater entitled "Go and Do Thou Likewise." Sound familiar? It should, for it's the wording on the Hospital seal, based on the Story of the Good Samaritan in the Bible. Music is by Alma Schultz, '51, assisted by Cathy Jones, '52. The words are by Alice Sieber, Anna Mae Gallert, Phyllis Miller, and Connie Kozma, all '51.

COLLEGE CORNER

School has begun and 85 new students, four of them women, have donned white lab coats. . . . Members of all classes registered for Civil Defense work in the Center at a special booth set up in the College lobby the week of Oct. 1.

FROM OUR COUNTRY COUSINS

Music in the Air: A delightful and much appreciated series of musical evenings was held during the Summer months at Westchester Division. Liliás MacLellan, soprano, George Fuller, baritone, and Percy Such, cellist, each gave a recital. Each program was repeated three times during an evening, once for men patients and twice for the ladies.

Road Rebuilt: The road leading to the Hospital from the Mamaroneck Avenue entrance has been completely resurfaced. This is a beautiful stretch, running partly through woods and then skirting a recently constructed driving range for golfers.

A Passing: Joseph Tedesco, who was retired with a pension in 1929, died Sept. 15 at the age of eighty-seven. He had been employed in the Power Plant for a number of years.

Here and There: The Nutrition Staff has a new member. She is Ramona Eastman, a graduate of Cornell. . . . Dr. Robert E. Nixon, Jr., senior assistant psychiatrist, has left to accept a position as full-time psychiatrist at Vassar College. Dr. Nixon first came to the Hospital in July, 1945, as assistant resident physician. In April, 1946, he entered the Armed Forces, returning to Westchester in October, 1948 as resident physician. He was promoted to senior assistant psychiatrist in November, 1950.